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FDA Commissioner Jane Henney, Food and Drug Administration
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To FDA Commissioner Jane Henney, Food and Drug Administration

It is my right to know if the food I eat has been treated with radiation. The FDA SHOULD NOT weaken labeling regulations for irradiated foods.

Serious questions exist concerning the safety of irradiation, including the possibility that it destroys vitamins in foods, creates toxins--like benzene, which is a carcinogen--of which the long-term effects of consumption are unknown, produces radioactive waste, exposes workers to radiation and increases the likelihood for environmental accidents.

I believe that only clear, non-misleading labels are appropriate for irradiated foods, including prominent posters or signage displayed with products that have no packaging.

Thank you.

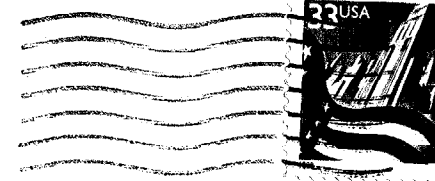


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